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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

Jeffrey D. SAFFER

Group Art Unit: 1631

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Application No.: 09/409,260

Examiner: Channing S. Mahatan

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING ATTRIBUTES

FROM SEQUENCE STRINGS AND BIOPOLYMER MATERIAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of June 1, 2004. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge the extension of time fee of \$430.00 and any other required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: October 27, 2004

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(limited recognition under 37 CFR § 10.9(b))

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